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For: INDUCTANCE DEVICE DRIVING SYSTEM,
INFORMATION STORAGE APPARATUS, AND
INDUCTANCE DEVICE DRIVING METHOD
THAT CHANGES A PULSE WIDTH OF A
VOLTAGE APPLIED TO AN INDUCTANCE
DEVICE ACCORDING TO A CURRENT
INSTRUCTION VALUE

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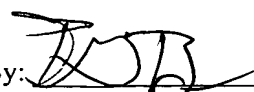
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